

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
for Patrick's Bayou Flood Mitigation Project
City of Deer Park, Harris County, Texas
HMGP-DR-1791-TX Project #79**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of Deer Park has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for program funding under Section 404 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City of Deer Park through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for the construction of a 31.4-acre flood detention facility in Deer Park, Harris County, Texas. This facility will mitigate repetitive flooding in the Patrick's Basin area and will reduce repetitive loss claims from the National Flood Insurance Program. The proposed detention storage basin would be located on a vacant wooded lot (Latitude: 29.4219; Longitude:-95.0626) within the northern portion of the G-104 drainage basin south of SH 225. A residential development lies to the west of the proposed site and an industrial petroleum facility lies to the east. A vacant, heavily wooded lot lies to the south.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm>, City of Deer Park's website at http://www.deerparktx.gov/egov/docs/1284390038_949829.pdf or viewed at the following location: 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas, between September 16, 2010 and October 16, 2010 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday:

- Deer Park City Hall, 710, E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of (September 16, 2010). Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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